



MATTHEWS

“In 1879, Matthews was incorporated as a municipal corporation in the state of North Carolina. In 1996, the National Register of Historic Places listed 10 downtown buildings in Matthews. Known as Matthews Commercial District, they comprise a small collection of structures dating from the late 19th to the early 20th century. On March 8, 2004, Matthews celebrated its 125th year as a town. Matthews has grown from 191 citizens in 1880 to a population of 28,000. Matthews is a special place to live, work and raise a family.”

Source: *Matthews Town History*, www.matthewsnc.gov

Matthews at a Glance (source: US Census, 2010 Census and 2009 -2011 estimates)

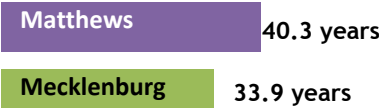
Population

Total number of people living in Matthews in 2010:

27,198

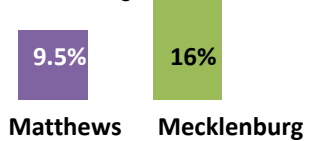
Median Age

People in Matthews are older than in Mecklenburg.



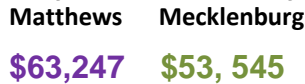
Poverty

The percent of people living below poverty is lower than in Mecklenburg.



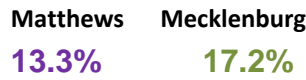
Median Household Income:

Median Household income is higher than Mecklenburg.



Percent Uninsured:

A slightly lower percent of uninsured live in Matthews than in Mecklenburg.



Population without Automobile:

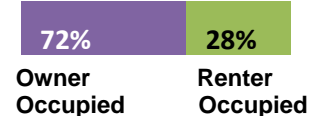
There are less people living without a car in Matthews.



Education

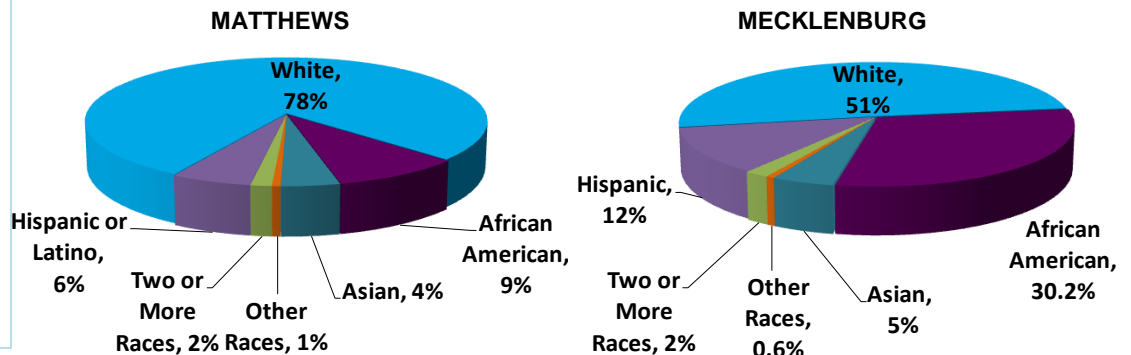
	Matthews	Mecklenburg
Less than High School Diploma	5.3%	11.5%
High school grad or equivalency	15.3%	20.1%
Some college, no degree	23.4%	21.0%
Associate's degree	11.6%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	31.4%	27.2%
Graduate or professional degree	13.0%	12.4%

Housing Tenure:



Race/Ethnicity

Matthews has a higher proportion of White residents than Mecklenburg County overall.



2013 Community Health Opinion Survey

In April 2013, nearly 1,900 Mecklenburg residents participated in a health opinion survey to determine beliefs and barriers to healthy behaviors. Participants were also asked to list the top health concerns facing members of their community based on nine health focus areas.

Residents from Matthews who participated in the survey reported the following:

Top Three Health Concerns for Matthews Residents:

1. Mental Health
2. Access to Care
3. Choosing Healthy Behaviors to Prevent Chronic Disease and Disability

Rankings based on nine identified focus areas for Mecklenburg.

Additional data from the 2013 Health Opinion Survey can be located in the Primary Data and Research Chapter of this report.